



Flathead County 4-H News

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Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp Clean Up Day & Potluck

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16th as we are asking all Flathead 4-H families to please help in the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp Clean Up Day. We will be meeting at the camp lodge at 10:00 am. (The camp is located on Loon Lake in Ferndale. Directions are available in the Extension Office). Please dress for outdoor working activities. We are asking families to also bring wheel barrows, rakes, shovels and other yard tools that may be helpful. We will be providing beverages during the day and hot dogs for lunch. Please bring a potluck dish to round out our meal, and a serving spoon. We will provide all other utensils. After lunch, Amanda Brandt will join us to present information about her trip to Europe through the 4-H International Exchange program. The day's activities will wrap up around 4:00 pm. Please call or email the Extension Office to let us know that your family will be attending this event. 758-5553 or extension@flathead.mt.gov We appreciate all of our 4-H families for helping keep our camp beautiful.



Real Colors Workshop

Karole Sommerfield, our 4-H Youth Development Agent, will be providing a Real Colors workshop at the United Way Community Room, (in the Gateway West Mall Building) at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 4th. Real Colors is a program designed to help leaders gain insight into their own temperament and that of others, learning tools for interaction to reach new levels of communication with others. A number of 4-H leaders and parents have already attended this workshop and have greatly enjoyed it. Those attending are asked to bring a potluck item. **If you would like to attend, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.** Class size is limited to 25. Pre-registration is required.



Club News

and Events

Dandy Dudes and Dolls Easter Egg Hunt: The Dandy Dudes and Dolls 4-H Club will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Cayuse Prairie School on Saturday, April 11th. The event will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. This is an extremely successful annual event and everyone is welcome to attend.

Grandview Supreme "Dancing Under the Stars" Event: Grandview Supreme 4-H Club will be hosting a county wide 4-H dance for all 4-H families on Saturday, May 16th at the Lasalle Grange. The Dance will begin at 6:00 pm and last till around 8:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served and there will also be a silent pie auction. This would be a great way to round out the day after working with your family at the Darrell Fenner Camp Clean Up.

Country Cousins Spreads Community Spirit to the Veteran's Home: The Country Cousins 4-H Club went to the Veteran's Home, a retirement home in Columbia Falls, on March 8th and provided a bingo game to the residents. Over 30 residents took part in the event. The members also brought homemade treats to share with the residents while they visited with them. We are very proud of our clubs that continue to take part in events with our elderly community. Great Job!

Karole Sommerfield

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County-wide Arts & Crafts Meeting

To attend this month's arts and crafts meeting, you must have attended the two previous meetings as this is a continuation project. The April meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Monday, April 20th, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Members' homework should be completed: have your figurines painted and ready to go. At this meeting members will be assembling their mobile and clothing their people. Members who would like to attend, should also bring the following:



Mod Podge	Wax Paper	Fishing Line	Wire
Fabric	Paintbrush(s)	Your project	

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553 or Bill Prichard at 257-6209.

Beef Weigh-in is April 13th!

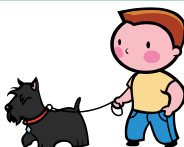


The second Market Beef Weigh-in will be held on Monday, April 13th at the Fairgrounds from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. **This is a mandatory weigh-in and all market beef members must attend.**

We will hip-height each steer so members can determine a frame score. Please dress appropriately to handle your animal, including proper footwear.

4-H Dog Obedience Program

Anni Sutkus, a long time 4-H leader, will be offering dog obedience training at her home starting Thursday, May 28th, 2009, at 6:30 pm. Her home is located at 1892 Columbia Falls Stage Road, Columbia Falls. The first training will be held without your dog. Canine good citizenship, basic dog obedience and basic groom and health topics will be discussed. The cost is only \$25.00 for 4-H members. Please reserve your slot by calling Anni at 892-5719.



4-H Horse Committee Meeting

The next horse committee meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Tuesday, April 28th, 2009 at 5:30 pm. Topics will include the success of the last three clinics, discussion of last 4-H horse clinic and horse camp. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



Flathead 4-H Interstate Exchange Say THANK YOU

The Flathead County Interstate Exchange Delegation would like to say thank you to those who attended the Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction that was held at the Christian Center on March 6th. It was a wonderful event with a record crowd and we were able to raise over \$3700. These funds have secured our trip to Topeka Kansas on June 17th—24th. We would like to say a special thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard in helping make sure things ran smoothly. We'd also like to congratulate Grandview Supreme, the club with the highest percentage of members/leaders and the winners of a pizza party.

Flathead County 4-H Ambassador



A 4-H Ambassador is an official envoy, an authorized representative of our Montana 4-H program. You must be self motivated and enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H. You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1st, 2008 and have the ability to serve as an ambassador for two consecutive years. We have applications ready for this outstanding 4-H opportunity. Please stop by the office for more information and an application. **Applications will be due Friday, April 17th, 2009.**

Market Hog Weigh-in & Tagging

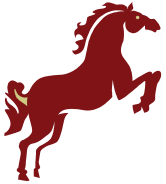
The official Hog Weigh-in and Tagging will be held on Monday, April 27th, 2009 at the Fairgrounds from 4:30-6:30 pm. Please know your breeder's name and address and also the sex of your animal. Please dress appropriately to handle your animal(s), including proper footwear.

Your club or your producer may be providing a weigh-in and tagging date previous to the ones posted for hog or lamb members. Please check with your club livestock leader or your producer. Failure to have your animal tagged and weighed and your paperwork turned into the Extension Office by the above posted dates may result in the ineligibility of your animal attending Fair.

If you are purchasing a hog(s) from Fonda and Karen Fisher, please stop by the Extension Office before picking up your animal for a Hog Tag-in Form. Fonda has asked that all members have this form filled out as much as possible in advance.

The Extension Office has a list of out of county hog producers and flyers for market livestock sales. If you or your club would like copies, please let us know.

District 1 Teen Retreat: Rebuild and Retreat! Come join teens and adults from district one for a fun filled week-end at the beautiful Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake. The camp will be held on Friday, May 1st starting at 6:00 pm and wrap up on Sunday, May 3rd, at 2:00 pm. All teens must be 13 years old by May 1st to attend. Campers will be rebuilding the campfire ring and area for a community service project so please bring appropriate clothing to work outdoors. Cost is \$10.00 per member. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and on our website. Deadline is April 23rd, 2009. If you mail your registration directly to Ravalli County, please contact our Extension Office so that we know you plan on attending. 758-5553.



Flathead County 2nd Annual Horse Camp: The 2nd Annual Flathead County 4-H Horse Camp will be held at the Flathead County Fairgrounds on Friday, May 8th through Saturday, May 9th. We are really excited to continue offering this camp as last year was amazing and we know that this year will be even better. Numerous workshops and riding clinics will be available to 4-H horse members. Registrations will be available online and in the Extension Office after April 3rd. Early bird registration is due by April 20th and is \$50.00. Last registration deadline is May 1st and cost is \$60.00 Please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 if you have any questions.

Cloverbud Camp: World of Nature! Cloverbud Camp will be held at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake on June 19th-20th. Camp beings at 10:00 am Friday and will wrap up on Saturday afternoon. This is a great opportunity for parents to share in the exciting experience of Camp with your child. Members must be 6-8 years of age to attend. Members must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost is \$60 for one youth and one adult, with an additional charge of only \$25 for each additional adult or child. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online. Registration deadline is June 2nd. All registrations should be mailed directly to Sanders County Extension Office, 2504 Tradewinds Way, Suite 1B, Thompson Falls, MT 59873. For more information please call 406-827-6934.



Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp: The future decisions of how our natural resources will be managed will be made by the youth of today. The Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp has been active for more than 20 years, giving youth the opportunity to study economic realities, historical heritage, scientific principles, and the social perspectives of today in an outdoor setting. This years camp will be held on Sunday, July 12th through Friday, July 17th at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula. Campers aged 14-18 are eligible to attend. The full cost of the camp is \$175, which includes meals, supplies and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact their local Conservation District for sponsorship which will cover much of the camp cost. Registrations can be found at www.mnryc.org/download/MNRYCApplicationPackage.pdf For more information contact Martin Twer at 406-243-2775.

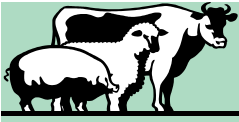
Flathead 4-H Camp: This camp is open to all 4-H members ages 8-12 years old. The camp will take place at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H camp on Loon Lake in Ferndale, on Monday, July 20th through Thursday, July 23rd. More details regarding this wonderful opportunity for Flathead 4-H youth will be in upcoming newsletters. Be sure to mark your calendars now!



2009 Teen 4-H Camp: This camp is specifically designed for teens and is open to all 4-H teens in Montana. It will be held at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake in Ferndale on Wednesday, July 29th through Saturday, August 1st. Cost is \$95 for Flathead County members. This will include 9 meals, snacks and tons of fun. Registrations will be available to members in the Extension Office on May 15th and will be due to the Ravalli County 4-H Council by July 17th. For more information, please call 406-375-6611.



Youth History Camp: The Montana Heritage Commission is inviting youth ages 11-15 to experience the Alder Gulch history Camp scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd through Saturday, August 8th. Workshops include outdoor cooking, basket weaving, blacksmithing, gold prospecting and tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City. Cost is \$400 and enrollment is limited to 20. Scholarships are available by application. Cost includes five nights stay at the Bonanza Inn in Virigina City, meal sand tickets to a performance at the Virginia City Opera House, a train tick and all other activities. For more information call 406-843-5247 or go to <http://www.virginiacitymt.com/HistoryCamp.asp>



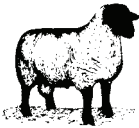
Market Livestock Project Guidelines

To participate in a Market Livestock project, a member must be enrolled in an active 4-H Club and meet certain requirements.

All 4-H members involved in a Market Livestock project must attend one Livestock Quality Assurance Clinic every two years. We have completed our LQA seminars for the year. If you have not attended an LQA seminar in the 2007-2008 or the 2008-2009 4-H year, you are not eligible to take a market project to Fair.

Market Livestock Contracts: All members who are participating in a market animal project (hog, beef, or sheep) need to read and sign a Market Livestock Contract form. A parent is also required to sign the form. The contract should be turned into the Extension Office no later than April 15th, 2009. Your clubs' livestock leader has these forms for you and they are available on our website for download. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office at 758-5553.

Upcoming Seminars for Market Livestock

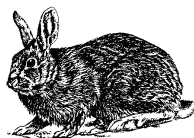


Lamb Seminar: There will be a market lamb seminar at the United Way Community Room in the Gateway West Mall Building on Thursday, April 30th, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Wes McAlpin, a Flathead County 4-H Leader, has volunteered to present at this seminar. Topics will include selection of market lambs, nutrition, grooming and health care. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

Triple Livestock Showmanship Seminar: Need to sharpen your showmanship skills or brush up for this year? Are you just starting out and not sure where to begin when it comes to showmanship? This is the clinic for you! We will be holding a showmanship clinic at the Fairgrounds on Monday, June 1st at 6:30 pm. There will be three separate seminars taking place at once, one for hog members, one for beef, and one for sheep. Basic showmanship and grooming your animal for show will be covered in each presentation. Upcoming newsletters will provide more information regarding this clinic.

Rabbit Seminar For 4-H Members

Linda Fraizer will be presenting a rabbit seminar at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 11th 2009. Topics will include care and grooming of your animal, showmanship requirements and tips, and other general rabbit care topics.



Market Livestock Project Members Who's Contracts are Not Turned In

If your name is listed below, you have not turned in your Market Livestock Contract as of March 26th, 2009. If feel your name is listed in error, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. 758-5553.

Rebekah Allen	Tau Ke Ale Amundsen
Emma Andrews	Lane Appelt
Nicole Birk	Jazzmin Block
Abigail Boll	Teressa Brandt
Kennedy Brown	Cody Campbell
Abigail Connolly	Christine Connolly
Logan Connolly	Patrick Connolly
Katelyn Drager	Todd Ervin
Jayne Evenson	Tia Evenson
Garrett Fenster	Kiley Fenster
Kelsey Geldrich	Ashley Hanson
Nikaela Higgins	Nicole Houston
Brandon Huntley	Bryden Jassman
Christopher Jellison	Stephen Jochen
Bailey Johnson	Cody Jounhson
Adam Joy	Christopher Joy
Matthew Joy	Anna Kirchner
Christina Kirchner	Sarah Kirchner
Samantha Lake	Kaitlyn Lamm
Logan Lamm	Savannah Mahlen
Sean Manning	Randy Martin
Lincoln May	Charles McAllister
Nathanial McAllister	Miranda Miller
Caitlin Morrison	Jemma Morrow
Julia Morrow	Ashlyn Nicholson
Brayden Nicholson	Hunter Nicholson
Alison Olsen	Koya Olsen
Emily Perkins	Halee Perkins
Austin Richmond	Justin Richmond
Kaden Safranski	Heidi Schmid
Levi Schmid	Austin Scott
Skylar Smith	Tristan Smith
Emily Stafford	Laura Stafford
Caitlin Sterchi	Donny Stevens
Ethan Thacker	Daniel Topp
Matthew Topp	Kayla Wells
Meagan Wilkinson	Greg Wilson
McKenna Wilson	Colton Woll
Garrett Yacavone	Vincent Yacavone

Your contracts must be in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 15th to be eligible to participate in a market livestock project at the 2009 NWMT Fair.

Error in You're the Chef, Level 3 Foods Book: Pgs. 38-41 are not to be used, as they are unsafe instructions for food preservation. We will have a corrected insert in May.

Livestock Judging in Missoula



Missoula will be hosting a spring 4-H livestock judging contest on Saturday, April 25th. Cost to enter is only \$8.00 and includes your lunch. Non participating members can also purchase lunch for only \$3.00. Buckles from Montana Silversmiths will be awarded to the top Junior and Top Senior 4-H judges and an embroidered folding arm chair will be awarded to the Top Novice. FFA members are also welcome to attend. A Top FFA Judge buckle will be awarded as well. The event will be held at the AG Education Center near Big Sky High School on South Avenue in Missoula. Potential classes include feeder pigs, market hogs, feeder lambs, cow/calf pairs, feeder steers, replacement heifers, replacement gilts, aged ewes, sows, and meat goats. Pre-registration must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, April 21st, and sent to Missoula County 4-H. Registration forms are available in the Extension Office or online on our website.

Advanced Youth Market Beef Project Tour

The Advanced Youth Market Beef Project Tour has been scheduled for June 4th and 5th in Billings. This tour is open to any 4-H member aged 14 and up, and is designed to give participants an inside look at the various aspects of the beef industry including feed companies, feed lots, and processing facilities. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online, and are due to the Judith Basin County Extension Office no later than May 1st. Registration is \$20 and will cover lunch and refreshments on Friday. Lodging is not provided but a block of rooms has been reserved at the Wingate Inn at the rate of \$99 a night. For more information, please call Janna Kincheloe at 406-566-2277 ext. 104.



Amanda Matdies' Horticulture Tip of the Month

To get the most out of our short growing season "Season extenders" will allow for starting earlier in the spring and ending later in the fall. They should be placed over the plot you want to plant for about a week. This allows time for the ground to warm up before planting. There are many shapes to choose from. Cold frames can be built from old windows and straw bales. Tunnels can be formed from wire, PVC pipe, and sheets of plastic. Cutting off the bottoms of 2-liter pop bottles or milk jugs can also work. Old tires stacked around the plant have been effective. You can buy small greenhouses, plant teepees and Wall-o-Water to achieve similar results. About any contraption can work as long as you focus on the "greenhouse" effect-light, warmth, and moisture.

Suffolk Sheep Breeders Ewe Grant

The Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association is awarding one \$200 grant to be used for the purchase of a Suffolk ewe lamb or yearling ewe. This grant is for a youth between the ages of 9 and 16. Applicants must be able to maintain and breed the ewe in a flock for two years, maintain a MSSBA membership for two years, and read provide materials from the MSSBA to gain a better knowledge of sheep health and care. Other requirements can be found in the Extension Office. Applications are to be mailed to Miles City no later than June 30th.

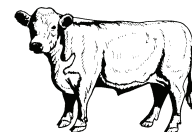


Intermountain Livestock Judges' Training

The Intermountain Livestock Judges' Training will be held in Caldwell, Idaho on May 14th-16th at the Canyon County Fairgrounds and the University of Idaho District II Conference Center. Extension Educators from Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming have teamed up for this special event. Geared to interested leaders, parents, producers and livestock enthusiasts, the training will give hands-on education in livestock selection and evaluation. This years training will cover beef and swine with a special focus on sheep and meat goats, and is designed to help improve your livestock selection, evaluation, oral reasons, and current terminology skills. Registration cost is \$150 for adults and \$100 for youth if turned in by April 14th. Cost includes several meals and snacks. Registrations are available in the Extension Office. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Sanchez at 307-783-0570 or dasanchez@uintacounty.com

2009 MT Livestock Forum & Nutrition Conference

This year's conference theme is "They're black and they've had their shots..... Any more questions?" The conference is being held in Bozeman at the GranTree Inn on April 21st and 22nd. Registration costs are \$65 and includes dinner on Tuesday evening. The two day conference is filled with information and workshops provided by national specialists. Registrations are available online and in the Extension Office.



International Opportunities

There are numerous opportunities for 4-H families to experience another culture first hand by hosting a foreign youth this summer. 24 Japanese kids, ranging in age from 12-16 are coming to Montana on July 21st - August 18th. No special plans are required, just a willingness to share your daily lives. If you are interested please call Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 or email her at sdavison@montana.edu

Horse & Mini Horse Guidelines



Project Members Required to Attend Clinic #4

All 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Project members wishing to participate in the 4-H Horse project and/or NWMT Fair 4-H mini horse/ horse competition, must meet these requirements:

Horse Cards: The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse they intend to ride at the Fair. A card can be picked up at any time in the Extension Office. The card has a place for you to attach the picture and list the projects you are currently enrolled in. These cards must be in the office no later than Monday, June 1st, 2009.

Project and Helmet Release: Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form on file in the Extension Office. They must also have a Horse Helmet Release Form on file in the Office, if they choose to ride or handle their horse at any time without a helmet while working on the 4-H horse project.

Assessments: (Mini Horses are Exempt) Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Members must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. You must compete at the Fair in the level that the Extension Office has on file. Submit assessments to the Extension Office by Monday, June 1st, 2009.

Clinics: To participate in the 4-H events at the Northwest Montana Fair each horse or mini horse member must attend at least one 4-H sponsored horse clinic during the upcoming year. There is one remaining clinic offered this year, details below. Horse camp is not considered an eligible clinic.

Horse Clinic #4 (Final Opportunity to Qualify for Fair): This clinic is hosted by Golden Spurs and will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 18th. Registration begins at 9:00-10:00 am in the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds. This clinic is open to all 4-H Horse members and their horses. All indoor events will be held in the 4-H building. All riding will be done across the racetrack in the infield and the arena. Since there is a "Home Show" taking place on the Fairgrounds on the same day please use the following directions to park your vehicles and trailers in the infield.

You must enter the Fairground at the East Race Track Gate which can be found on 7th Avenue West North. If coming in on Hwy 2 West or through Kalispell on West Idaho turn at Baskin Robins. The gate is located down the road on your left (across from the intersection of 7th Ave WN and West Wyoming Street). If turning off of North Meridian, turn onto West Wyoming Street and go around the curve. The gate will be on your right just after the curve. There will be signs posting the way.

Dr. Esch, owner/veterinarian of Ashley Creek Animal Clinic, will be offering discounted vaccinations to 4-H members during the clinic. She will begin giving vaccinations at 2:00 pm. The following vaccinations will offered: West Nile Virus (\$16.75) EWT + West Nile Virus (\$20.50), Flu/Rhino (\$16.00), Strangles (\$19.50), EWT (\$9.50).

Also attending is horseshoer Andy Stewart. For more information contact Chris Scott at 261--9454.

The following is a list of members who are currently enrolled, as of March 30th, in the horse or mini horse projects and have not attended clinics 1-3. If you enrolled in the horse project after March 30th you must also attend to be eligible for participation in the 4-H portion of the 2009 NWMT Fair. If you feel your name has been listed in error, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. 758-5553

Krissy Beaman	Nicole Birk	Alyssa Blankenship
Desiree Blankenship	Marriah Bradstreet	Gabriel Broughton
Talli Carmalt	Trey Carmalt	Taylor Diehl
Jana Duty	Ben Fisher	Austin Floyd
Meghan Floyd	Katilin Hagadone	Christopher Jellison
Melissa Johnson	Tierra Johnson	Pierre Kaptanian
Olivia Koczur	Carissa Krueger	Cheyenne Lembrich
Caitlin Morrison	Julia Morrow	Cassidy Norick
Jamel Perkins	Kalen Reed	Kyla Reed
Hailey Sapa	Shyann Hughes-Siderius	Shelby Sladek
Tristan Smith	Hannah Stahlberg	Talitha Stahlberg
Gabrielle Sutton	Kolbie Sutton	Krystal Sutton
Nina Timmons	Megan Tutvedt	Brittany Williams
Trinity Williams	Tanaia Wise	Trista Wise
Pascale Yacavone		



State Horse Show Logo/Design Contest

4-H members can show off their creative and artistic skills by entering a logo design contest. The 2009 State 4-H Horse Show Committee in Fergus County is asking members to submit a logo and theme for this year's show. Entries are due May 8th and the winner's artwork and slogan will appear on the official rule book, t-shirts, and promotional materials for the State Horse Show. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office or on our website. Entries should be submitted to Fergus County Extension Office. Contestants must be a 4-H member in the State of Montana. Winner's will be notified after May 15th. The State 4-H Horse Show will be held October 2nd-4th.

The Montana 4-H State Horse Show book has been added to our website: <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension/downloads.php> This can be used as a resource to find rules and regulations that the Flathead 4-H horse program adheres to. As soon as the 2009 book is available, we will post it. The location of the 2009 show is not Corvallis, MT. For more information, please call the Extension Office as 758-5553.

MSU Youth Horsemanship School



The MSU Youth Horsemanship School will be held in Bozeman, MT on June 22nd-26th. The school is limited to the first fifty students, ages 9-17. Students must provide their own horse and western tack to participate. Students and chaperones stay on the

MSU campus. Students are provided useful information and skill development. Goals include increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider, and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experiences. New this year is an opportunity for students to specialize in barrel racing. Students must be able to display certain skills with their horse before being allowed to participate in this program. Registrations are available in the Extension Office or on our website. Cost is \$300 per student and \$150 for chaperones, and includes housing and meals. For more information please call 406-994-7953.

4-H College Scholarships



Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports: Members must have a 3.0 GPA minimum and have participated in 4-H shooting sports for at least 3 years. The scholarship is \$500. Other requirements info and applications available in the Extension Office or our website.

Murdoch's Offers Local Scholarship: To be eligible for this scholarship, a member must have participated in 4-H for at least three years and plan on attending a MT institution of higher learning, (college, university, etc). Members must also be able to attend MT 4-H Congress in Bozeman on July 9th. There are two \$500 scholarships available. Flathead County seniors are strongly encouraged to apply.

*****We'd like to thank Heidi Diegel and Linda Tutvedt for their hard work on this scholarship project.*

Be sure to check out www.montana4h.org for more scholarship applications and information. Most have a deadline of May 1st to submit applications.

Also be sure to check out Montana State University's scholarships as they have several new programs for incoming freshman that are currently Montana residents. Information on these can be found at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwfa/scholarships.html>

We would like to congratulate all of our members who competed at the State Shooting Sports Tournament in Bozeman on March 7th & 8th. Flathead County was very well represented. All scores are available on the state website for download.

<http://montana4h.org> Select Programs, Events and scroll down to the Montana State Shooting Sports Tournament. Then click on details.

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply has discount cards available to all 4-H members. Please go to the Front Counter and tell a clerk that you are a 4-H member and tell them which club you belong to. We recently received a small stack of cards in our office that we can distribute as well. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553

Also, please remember that Western Outdoor and CHS provide discounts to our 4-H members as well.

The 44th Annual Golden Spurs Horse Show



The Golden Spurs Annual Horse Show will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 23rd. The show will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Numbers will be available between 8:00-8:45 am. Registrations for this show will be available in the Extension Office. Those who choose to register the morning of the show will be charged an additional fee for classes, and must do so before 8:30am. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.** Price schedules vary depending on participation choices. Competition in this show does not count as attendance of a horse clinic under the 4-H horse guidelines. However, members are strongly encouraged to take part in this show, as it is a great warm up for the upcoming Fair. For more information about this show, please call Chris Scott at 261-9454.

Operation Military Kids

April is the month of the military child and to show our support, 4-H is taking on several Operation Military Kids projects statewide.

In Your Boots: We have a form in our office that has the picture of a boot on it. Members are asked to write a poem or short essay expressing their appreciation for military youth and their families. They can decorate their boot in any fashion they choose. We will make copies of each boot so that the member can display their project at their school or home. The original boot will go to the state for a display at State Congress. Call the Extension Office for more details and to get your "boots".

Hero Packs: Hero packs are a hands on way for youth to hand deliver a salute to military children and youth for their sacrifice while parents are deployed. Hero Packs are knapsacks filled with a variety of items intended to provide children with fun activities and ways to stay connected to their deployed parents. There are two types of packs, Kinder Packs for youth ages 3-8 and Hero Packs for 9-18 year olds. For more details and lists of items to be placed in the packs please call the Extension Office.

If you would like to submit information for the May Newsletter, please turn in your information to the Extension Office no later than Thursday, April 23rd.

4-H State Award Applications



The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity award areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. Members who can apply must be 4-H ages 14-19. The complete application must be in the Extension Office no later than Monday, April 27th. Applications are available in the Extension Office and on our website. Please call if you have any questions. 758-5553

Interested in Muzzle Loading? Randy Burns will be offering muzzle loading project for all members who are 12 years of age and older. For more information and to register please call Randy at 755-1262.

4-H Qualifier for Muzzle Loading & Shotgun

The Montana 4-H State Muzzle Loading and Shotgun Qualifiers will determine the top 4 individuals in the 14 and up age division that will represent Montana at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Tournament in Grand Island, Nebraska on June 24th-28th. You must be currently enrolled in the perspective project and be 4-H age 14 or older.

Muzzle Loading: This competition will be held in Logan, MT at the Manhattan Wildlife Association Rifle Range on Sunday, April 26th, 2009 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online and the registrations will be due to the Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports Program by April 24th, 2009.



Shotgun: The shotgun tournament will be held in Townsend, MT at the Broadwater Rod & Gun Club on May 9th. Registrations must be mailed to the Broadwater County Extension Office no later than May 1st. Cost is \$75 for Seniors. There will be a Junior Division offered also, however, Juniors are ineligible for the National Competition. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online.

WRLF 2010 Workshop Proposals

Western Regional 4-H Leader's Forum will be held in Albuquerque, NM on March 11-14th, 2010. All Extension Staff, Adult Volunteers, and Teen Leaders are welcome to submit workshop proposals by June 1st. We have lots of leaders who do wonderful project work with their members and we encourage them to share their experience and knowledge with others throughout the country. Proposal applications are available in the Office.

Shooting Sports Leader's Training

The next shooting sports leader's training will be held in Laurel, MT at the Laurel Rifle Club on May 1st & 2nd. All disciplines, including cowboy action, will be offered. Registration deadline is April 20th, and registrations are available in the Extension Office. The fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for teen leaders. Saturday lunch is provided. For more information please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816.

Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle

Shiloh Sharps® The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports program is hosting a raffle for a \$2500 gift certificate used toward the purchase of a Shiloh Sharps Rifle. The drawing will be held on June 21st, 2009 and you need not be present to win. Tickets are \$25 each or five tickets for \$100. **Only one thousand tickets will be sold.** If you would like to purchase a ticket please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816 or email Todd at kesner@montana.edu

4, 40, 400 Montana State 4-H Foundation Fundraiser Challenge

The MT 4-H Foundation is currently challenging 4-H members, clubs, and counties to meet the 4, 40, 400 County Challenge in honor of the Foundation's 40th anniversary in 2009! The challenge is for 4-H members to donate \$4 each, clubs to donate \$40 each, and for counties to donate \$400 each to the Montana 4-H Foundation. The Foundation exists to support statewide 4-H programs and projects and gives out about \$100,000 a year in support of these statewide efforts. All clubs meeting the challenge will receive a certificate of completion that can be displayed in historian books or elsewhere. For more information regarding this event please contact our MT 4-H representative, Sandy Evenson, at 257-9038. **Congratulations to Montford Egan Eagles and the LaSalle Boosters for donating to this program.**



Chatcolab is in Rathdrum, ID

Chatcolab Northwest Leadership Laboratory's theme this year is "Yes You Can". It will be held at the Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center at Rathdrum, Idaho on June 13th-19th. This camp is designed for 4-H Leaders, Teachers (both home, private, and public), Extension Faculty, camp directors, etc. The camp offers over 60 hours of recreation and leadership training, college and CEU credits, and numerous nationally known guest speakers. For more information and registrations, please go to <http://www.chatcolab.org>

County Congress was held on March 14th at the Easthaven Baptist Church and it was a great success. We would like to say a special thank you to Julie Brubaker for heading up the event and organizing it so very well. We would also like to thank Shelli Callan and Tara Norick for their help during the event, as well as our numerous judges and other volunteers; all of which were responsible for this event representing 4-H so well. We'd also like to offer congratulations to the following event winners:

Senior Speech: 1st- Maggie Jung, Golden Spurs 2nd- Tanner Johnson, Grandview Supreme	Sr. Illustrated Talk: & Demonstrations 1st- Vileka Fisher, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Ethan Thacker, Kila Rangers
Jr. Illustrated: Talk 1st- Colter Norick, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Moriah Probert, Dandy Dudes & Dolls 2nd- Ian Caltabiano, Trail Blazer's	Jr. Demonstrations: 1st- Melissa Maitland, Swan River 2nd- Tierra Johnson, Grandview Supreme
Jr. Novice III. Talks: 1st- Bucky Nelson, Swan River 2nd- Cody Johnson, Swan River	Jr. Novice Demos: 1st- Shea Anderson, Swan River
Jr. Speech: 1st- Colin Norick, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Brittany Hendrickson, Grandview Supreme	Jr. Fashion Fair: 1st- Averie Olson, A Bit of Difference 2nd- Cassidy Norick, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Melissa Maitland, Swan River
Jr. Abstracts: 1st- Emily Thorp, B&F Livestock 2nd- Carolyn Harms, Glacier Stars	Sr. Fashion Fair: 1st- Melissa Johnson, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Bailey Brubaker, Open Horizons
Jr. Landscapes: 1st- Ian Caltabiano, Trail Blazers 2nd- Colter Norick, Grandview Supreme	Jr. Animals, Birds & Insects: 1st- Carolyn Harms, Glacier Stars 2nd- Tierra Johnson, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Emily Thorp, B&F Livestock
Jr. Plants & Flowers: 1st- Colter Norick, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Madeline Braaten, Montford Egan Eagles	Jr. People: 1st- Colter Norick, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Emily Thorp, B&F Livestock
Sr. Abstracts: 1st- Lauren Callan, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Victoria Braaten, Montford Egan Eagles	Sr. People: 1st- Sawyer Braaten, Montford Egan Eagles 2nd- Lauren Callen, Grandview Supreme
Sr. Plants & Flowers: 1st- Melissa Johnson, Grandview Supreme 2nd- Sawyer Braaten, Montford Egan Eagles	Sr. Animals, Birds & Insects: 1st- Elora Akins, B&F Livestock 2nd- Melissa Johnson, Grandview Supreme
Sr. Landscapes: 1st- Michaela Nelson, Swan River 2nd- Tanner Johnson, Grandview Supreme	

Volunteers Make Livestock Quality Assurance Seminars A Success

We would like to thank the following clubs for sending volunteers who contributed their time and energy in putting on this year's LQA Seminars for our Livestock Members:

B& F Livestock	Grandview Supreme	Trail Blazer's	Open Horizon's
Swan River	Dandy Dudes & Dolls	Lasalle Boosters	Montford Egan Eagles
Kila Rangers	Rowdy Ropers	Mountain Echo	Glacier Stars

FREE & WANTED ITEMS

Free for Lease During Show Season: Nice 5 yr old pinto miniature mare. For youth in the 4-H Mini program only. Feed & care required as part of lease. Call Marian for additional information at 257-7568

Free Rabbit: 1 yr. old, unsure of breed. Lives in home, litter box trained & handled often. Will go with cage. Call Sarah at 260-3190.

Free Rabbits-2 Lop Eared Does: A 5 yr old neutral tan colored and a papered 2 yr old, with black, brown & white markings. Wooden cage with two separated sides & extra water bottles included. Please call Sharon Gilpin at 393-2073 or 270-6936





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